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SUBJECT Construction of New
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1. An important new section of railroad line has recently been completed in Western Rumania by means of which the journey from Petroseni to Bucharest has been considerably shortened. The work was undertaken by Soviet as well as Rumanian engineers and cost 80 milliard lei.

2. The new section connects Livezeni with Bumbesti and was constructed with great difficulty. Although its length is only thirty-one kilometers, included in this short stretch are:

- a. Thirty-two tunnels with a total length of eight kilometers;
- b. Twenty large bridges;)
- c. Fifty-eight small bridges;) with a total length of 2,200
- d. Twenty-five viaducts) meters.

3. Whereas the old route was from Petroseni - Barle - Herculane - Turnu Severin - Craiova, the new route follows the right bank of the Jiu River to Bumbesti and then continues via Craiova to Bucharest.

4. The economic significance of the line is that the route between Petroseni and the Danube has been shortened by about eight kilometers. The coal produced at Petroseni and Lupeni can now be transported directly to the Bucharest factories by rail. The coal was previously carried along the Danube by barges, a journey which took nearly two days longer than by the new route.

5. The military significance of the new route is that it enables traffic to avoid using the Danube ports, the bombardment of which in time of war is considered relatively easy.

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